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Montana State Prison to temporarily limit visiting days

DEER LODGE – Montana State Prison warden Leroy Kirkegard today announced that inmate visitation will be temporarily reduced from five to three days a week while the prison addresses operational issues.

To allow staff to be reassigned to higher priority security posts, Kirkegard said that Montana State Prison is canceling inmate visitation on Wednesdays and Thursdays until further notice. Beginning the last week of May, MSP will be open for inmate visitation only on Fridays (adult visitation only), Saturdays and Sundays.

"We recognize the importance of inmate visitation and maintaining family ties," Kirkegard said, "so we will reinstate normal visitation hours as soon as possible. We want to notify inmates' families and friends so they don't travel long distances to the prison only to find that visitation has been canceled on the day they come."

The Montana State Prison toll-free phone message service will provide scheduling updates beginning Thursday May 22, at 1-888-739-9122.

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